

REMARKS

Responsive to the office action, applicants have canceled non-elected claims 15-20 from further consideration in the present application and expressly reserve the right to pursue the claims by way of a co-pending divisional application. In addition, claims 11-14, which were rejected under the first and second paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. §112, have been canceled from further consideration herein. Further, claims 11-13 were rejected on the basis of prior art. The cancellation of these claims now renders those rejections moot.


With regard to claims 1-10, and new claim 21, the Examiner stated that the preamble of claim 1 was directed to a "spray device", but the Examiner believed that the claim was indefinite since there were recitations in the claim body to the relationship among the spray device, "fluid reservoir", and the "compressed source". The rejection is respectfully traversed. Applicant's have carefully reviewed claim 1 and that it is directed to a spray device and that the associated environment of the fluid reservoir and the compressed air source are not expressly claimed, nor do applicants believe that there is any reason for these to be express limitations. The relationship between the spraying device and these associated components is made clear, and each instance, a structure of the spraying device is adapted "for communicating with" or "for receiving", etc. Each of the components of the spraying "device" is an express limitation as set forth in claim 1. Accordingly, these claims are clear and definite and distinctly claim the subject matter, i.e., the spraying device, which the applicant regards as the invention.

Applicants also submit herewith a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that incorporates additional prior art from the corresponding EP Supplemental Search. Also included is prior art from the corresponding Chinese application.

All formal and informal matters having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to that effect is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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